

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the section beginning on page 1 of the Specification entitled **"RELATED APPLICATIONS"** with the following section.

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/209,644, filed June 5, 2000, and entitled "Low-Overhead Hierarchical-Caching-Object Storage Toolkit." This application is also related to ~~co-pending~~ U.S. patent ~~application serial number 6,745,189 09/750,298, issued June 1, 2004 filed December 29, 2000~~, and entitled "System and Method for Enabling Multi-Indexing of Objects;" ~~co-pending~~ U.S. patent application serial number 09/750,315, filed December 29, 2000, and entitled "System and Method for Searching Extended Regular Expressions;" ~~co-pending~~ U.S. patent application serial number 09/750,317, filed December 29, 2000, and entitled "System and Method for Enabling Statistical Matching;" U.S. patent ~~application serial number 6,611,387 09/750,318, issued August 26, 2003 filed December 29, 2000~~, and entitled "System and Method for Managing Hierarchical Objects;" ~~co-pending~~ U.S. patent application serial number 09/750,319, filed December 29, 2000, and entitled "System and Method for Storing Conceptual Information;" U.S. patent number 6,836,776, issued December 28, 2004, and entitled "System and Method for Managing Hierarchical Objects;" and U.S. patent ~~application serial number 6,823,328 09/750,322, issued November 23, 2004 filed December 29, 2000~~, and entitled "System and Method for Enabling Unified Access to Multiple Types of Data." Each of the applications identified above is herein incorporated by reference.